

# Nationals' College Catcher Expected to Shine This Season in Absence of Street

## WITH STREET GONE JOHN HENRY SHOULD COME INTO HIS OWN

Amherst Collegian Expected to Shine Behind Bat With Nationals.

JACK KNIGHT MAY BE LOCAL FIRST SACKER

Three Big Trades in Two Leagues Keep Fans Guessing.

### Baseball's Big Trades.

Charlie Street, Nationals, for Jack Knight and unknown backstop, New York Yankees. Mike Donlin, Boston Nationals, for Vincent Campbell, Pittsburgh Pirates. George Stovall, Napslanders, for "Lefty" George, St. Louis Browns.

### By "SENATOR."

The passing of Charlie Street, the Nationals' veteran backstop, from Griffith's club to the New York Highlanders in exchange for Jack Knight and a catcher yet to be named, should bring John Henry, the former Amherst collegian, very much to the fore. Henry was kept back last season by both Street and Eddie Ainsmith, both of whom were used before "Massie" John. However, Henry bided his time, and when the other two were laid up by injuries the Amherst boy jumped right in and set a high mark for himself.

Starting off the campaign of 1912, Ainsmith and Henry will have a square deal in the scrap for the position of leading backstop with the Nationals. Ainsmith's experience is hardly enough to make him a veteran. Therefore, though he has been here a little longer than Henry, he will have no lead on the big fellow for the job.

While sorry to see "The Powerful Gabby" depart, local fans seem satisfied today that Henry will have a better opportunity to make good. They look at the trade as a good thing for both clubs, with an accent on the one. Street is a veteran. He would have been forced out, anyway, in a year or two by the avowed practice of Griffith, of building a young team and doing away with the veterans. While here his very presence would have acted as a wet blanket on the aspirations of both Ainsmith and Henry, rising young players.

### Is Very Popular.

Street is one of the most popular players visiting New York with opponents of the Highlanders. This fan there always strong for him. Wearing a Yankee uniform, Street would come into his own, and found out his glorious career in the big leagues with a burst of speed sure to give him a high place in the opinions of the fans.

Jack Knight, though usually playing shortstop or second base, is a better first baseman than Street. Keep him at that position, Flynn's chief weakness is his slowness of foot. His well-known "Oregon hop" may keep him out of the team. It ruined him with the Pittsburgh Pirates.

Schaefer's success on low-hit balls may keep him from landing a regular place this season in the face of the opposition put up by Jack Knight and Flynn. Young Spencer, secured from John Ganszel of Rochester, is generally looked upon as too green to hold on to the place in the "22" show this season.

### Slumped Badly.

Last year Knight yielded to the influence which seemed to pervade the New York club and slumped badly in the middle of the season. In addition, illness at home made him worry, thus interfering with his game. The Knight of the spring games was far better than the Knight of the summer series in this city. If Knight can have fair breaks in the luck, he should prove a valuable player for the Nationals from every angle.

The deal securing George Stovall to St. Louis should strengthen the poor old Browns and cannot weaken the Napslanders. Stovall's days in Cleveland were given with the appointment of Harry Davis as manager of the team. "Lefty" George, the pitcher going to Cleveland in the trade, is a fair man who has had a long career in the diamond in the Tri-State and the American Association. With George, Gregg and Mitchell hurrying from the south side of the hill, the Napslanders should prove serious stumbling blocks to both the Detroit Tigers and the Boston Red Sox.

The National League, too, broke into the trading game by having Sir Milford Donlin, outfielder, hitter, candidate artist and husband of Miss Mabel Pitt, actress, will have position for Pittsburgh, and Vincent Campbell, outfielder and holdout, will leave Pittsburgh for Boston. The deal will have strengthened itself. Donlin will very likely supplant Tommy Leach in center field for the Pirates.

The dates for the raising of the flag, emblematic of the world's and American League championships of 1911, were selected last evening by Manager Mack, of the Athletics.

On Tuesday, May 7, the American League championship bout will be held at the Flagpole. The pennant which declares the champion of the entire universe, will be flown to the breeze. The Boston Red Sox were chosen to take part in this ceremony.

### Get College Field.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Feb. 18.—Local promoters of the St. Louis club in the Columbia baseball league, announced tonight that they have obtained a contract for five years' use for the St. Louis University athletic field.

## Here's the Nationals' Most Famous Battery Which Has Been Seen Last Time



WALTER JOHNSON AND "GABBY" STREET.

### Outlaw Outlook Not Particularly Promising In Feverish New York

Outlaw league outlook in New York resembles the view of a dark storm through opera glasses minus lenses. Charlie White, boxing referee, is the Gotham mogul. He will stage his games, if he gets a team, in the other cities of the circuit, if there is a circuit. Charlie Faust is thinking of trying for a position on the New York team of the United States League. Enough!

## WASHINGTON CITY BOWLING TOURNEY BEGINS TOMORROW

Nearly Every League in District to Be Represented.

Nearly every team in the District of Columbia is entered in the sixth annual tournament of the Washington City Bowling Association which starts at the Palace alleys tomorrow night. Teams from every league, no matter how small or how low the averages have been, will be seen at the E street alleys every night during the present week and indications are that some new records will be hung up before the tournament is completed. The teams have been divided into three classes, which will be known as A, B, and C. Tomorrow night at 8 o'clock, teams from the District, Departmental, and Colonial Leagues will be seen in the first match of the tourney. At 10 o'clock the doubles will be commenced and at 11:30 o'clock, singles will begin. The schedule for the opening night is:

Teams, at 8 o'clock.	Class.	Allys.
Burdine and Eckelring	A	1 3 5
Spangenberg	A	2 4 6
Manhattans	A	3 5 1
Member of Commerce	A	4 1 3
Agriculture	A	5 1 3
Pioneers	A	6 2 4
Douglas, at 10:30 o'clock.	A	1 3 5
Burdine and Eckelring	A	2 4 6
Ryerson and Redeker	A	3 5 1
Shaffer and Miller	A	4 1 3
Cooper and Garretts	A	5 1 3
Smith and Henderson	A	6 2 4
Legum and Harlow	B	6 2 4
Singles, at 11:30 o'clock.	A	1 3 5
Watson	B	2 4 6
B. E. Brown	B	3 5 1
George Whitney	A	4 1 3
Gore	B	5 1 3
Young	B	6 2 4
Sis	C	6 2 4

### Advices Wallace to Keep Catcher Clarke

Charlie Carr, manager of the Kansas City Blues, has advised Manager Wallace, of the Browns, to retain "Nig" Clarke, the catcher. "Clarke is a nailing good backstop, clever, and a reliable stickler," said Carr. "They tell me he worried over a business investment in Cleveland last year, and was never in shape to do himself justice with the St. Louis team. Jimmy Burke tells me Clarke looked twenty pounds under weight last fall. Take it from me, Clarke is a smart catcher and Wallace had better retain him. 'Nig' is just the man to coach the St. Louis club's young pitchers. I played with Clarke in Cleveland and know positively that he is a keen observer behind the bat and is always in the game clean up to his neck."

"The Clarke-Griggs trade was the outcome of a row between 'Nig' and Larry Griggs. Larry, you know, is the whole show over in Cleveland. It doesn't make any difference who manages the Cleveland club, Lajoie is the real boss of the club. He even tells Charlie Somers, owner of the team, where he gets off. "Clarke was a marked man as soon as he got in bad with Lajoie, and had to go. He had just recovered from a serious attack of typhoid. That helped push down his weight. A business investment also went to the bad while 'Nig' was laid up. They tell me that he has put on a lot of flesh this winter and will report to Wallace in the pink of condition. I look for him to have a big year."

## NORMAN ELBERFELD QUILTS BASEBALL TO TAKE UP SCOUTING

Midget Veteran Blames Physical Condition for His Decision.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Feb. 18.—Norman Elberfeld, the veteran American League player, obtained by the local club from Washington, announces his retirement from active playing and says that he will act as scout for an American League club this season. "I'm done as a player," says Elberfeld. "The physician says I can't use my injured hip for at least one year and I think this is a good time for me to retire gracefully. I've been playing ball for a good many years and have earned a rest. I expect to do some scouting for an American League team this summer." The announcement of his retirement by Elberfeld has put Billy Smith, manager of the local club, in pretty much of a hole. He has been counting on Elberfeld to plug up the hole at third for \$20,000 a year, and to find some man before the season.

### Good Players Get Handsome Salaries

Manager McGraw recently signed a five-year contract to manage the Giants at a sum said to be \$50,000. Eighteen thousand per annum looks like good pickings, but there are few in the country like the little Napoleon. Hughie Jennings is said to have a document calling for \$20,000 a year. Say, doesn't it pay to be a winner?

### Pirate Player to Be In Bowling Tourney

"Dot" Miller, the New Jersey boy with the Pittsburgh Pirates, has entered the National bowling tournament to be held at Paterson, N. J., next month. Miller is a pioneer of exceptional merit, and will team up with Hans Wagner, of the Pittsburgh club, in the two-man bowling events.

### Saengerbund Notes

Not much doing last week—two postponed sets—but things are again going ahead.

Captain Shaffer has entered his team in the city tournament, an old "Cap" Eckstein and Dr. Baker. Well, here is good luck to you all, and may you bring home the bacon.

That peppy bunch called Hovels took two falls out of the haughty Schummers Wednesday. You can't tell a thing about those tall-ones, they are not respecters of persons, time, or place.

Notice that 1st game Tuesday? Oh, my! Yes.

J. Harlan Beck, the Allentown wonder, can shoot closer to pin than not but I than any other bowler in the District.

The Hammer Brigade is working overtime.

Just at this getting the Wagners are out of the cellar; hee-hee, it's slippin'!

There is a vacancy on the Supreme Bench. We nominate Charles Bannan.

We note that Pete Mendell and Judd Johnson are in the carous with special prizes. All right, fellows, shoot hard and high, as the victor will get something, and the end is approaching.

Albert Schmitt purchased a ebkik line, a level, and a square the other day. Less the grooves?

That snazzy gang known as the Mozarts took three nice, juicy games from the Schummers. This makes the race highly interesting, as the P-humans are only six games ahead of the Mozarts.

Well, motor, we contended from the start you would be there, as you are a mighty good pilot.

And now, George Shaffer, will you head?

## ATTRACTIVE DATES ARE ARRANGED FOR GALLAUDET NINE

Kendall Greeners Play in Many Maryland Cities.

One of the most attractive baseball schedules ever arranged by Gallaudet College has been presented to the faculty for approval by Manager Ted Hughes. Some of the best colleges in this section are included in the Kendall Green dates. Maryland Agricultural College being the first team to be met. According to the schedule this game will be played at College Park, Md. Baltimore City College, Washington College of Chestertown, Md., and St. John's College, of Annapolis, are among the out-of-town games that the Gallaudet nine will be seen in. The schedule as presented to the faculty is:

### Two Players Draw Unconditional Release

Two famous ball players drew their unconditional releases from the Kansas City Blues the other day—"Spikie" Shannon and Frank Bowerman. Shannon is a former St. Louis Cardinal. He made his major league debut with the St. Louis Nationals, covering left field for the club in 1905 and 1906. J. J. McCloskey traded Shannon to the New York club in August, 1906, for \$10,000 and "Sandow" Merter. Shannon, a left-handed stickler, was a flashy looking ball player at that time, and McGraw fell for him hard. McGraw sent J. T. Brush to St. Louis to secure the player.

Brush asked Stanley Robinson for a price on Shannon. Stanley consulted his manager, J. J. McCloskey. "Big Mack" was a nervy chap. Robinson nearly keeled over when McCloskey told him to ask \$10,000 for Shannon.

"You must be crazy, Mack," said the Cardinal club owner. "It's absurd. Brush might fork over \$2,500 and give us a man to take Shannon's place, but he'll yell for the police if I mention \$10,000."

Robinson finally consented to put it up to Brush that way. The New York magnate made the deal without a whimper. Robinson got \$10,000 and "Sandow" Merter for Shannon. It was the greatest baseball deal Robinson ever made.

The next day he bought the home of the Cardinal club for \$50,000 and the \$10,000 received for Shannon was plunked down as first payment. The real estate Robinson bought for \$50,000 in 1906 is worth double that sum today. Shannon was never worth a dime to the New York club. He hung on for a year or so with McGraw, then went back to the American Association.

### Tomorrow's Sports

Basketball, Princeton vs. Dartmouth, at New York.

Opening of Hartford automobile show.

Opening of Omaha automobile show.

Memorial Athletic Club at Ingram gymnasium.

Motor boat show, at Madison Square Garden.

### Capt. Jim Rose Sure That Cricket Season Will Make New Mark

Capt. Jim Rose, of the Washington Cricket Club, is jubilant over the flourishing condition of his organization. "We're going to have the best season in the history of cricket in Washington," says he. "With the new players in shape we should win every game on the schedule. We have one of the best playing fields in the land and fear no team in existence."

## NAUTILUS CLUB IS VICTORIOUS OVER NAVY SWIMMERS

One Hundred and Sixty-Yard Relay Proves to Be Best Contested Event.

Members of the Nautilus Swimming Club of the local Y. M. C. A. who won the swimming match from the midshipmen at Annapolis by 48 to 21, returned to this city this morning to receive the congratulations of their many friends.

Probably the best contested match of the swimming meet was the 160-yard relay, which the Washingtonians took in 1 minute 27.3 seconds. The first two contestants for Navy were about a yard ahead of the Nautilus athletes, but this advantage was overcome by Hammon in the third heat.

90 yards—First, Ansley, Washington; second, Whiting, Navy; third, Sackett, Navy. Time, 28.4 seconds.

60 yards—First, Cutts, Washington; second, Whiting, Navy; third, Rutherford, Washington. Time, 35 seconds.

100 yards—First, Hammon, Washington; second, Ansley, Navy; third, Whiting, Navy. Time, 46.4 seconds.

220 yards—First, Shears, Navy; second, Hammon, Washington; third, Wood, Washington. Time, 3 minutes 7.5 seconds.

Plunge for distance—First, Brunner, Washington; second, Ansley, Washington; third, Elmer, Navy. Distance, 50 feet.

Back stroke, 60 yards—First, Forster, Navy; second, Hansen, Washington; third, Waller, Navy. Time, 45 seconds.

100-yard relay—Won by Washington, with Hammon, Cutts, Ansley, and Miller. Navy team, Whiting, Elmer, Marshall, and Sackett. Time, 1 minute 27.3 seconds.

### New Orleans Wins From Panama Nine

COLON, Feb. 18.—The New Orleans baseball club, champions of the Southern League, defeated the Panama team by a score of 7 to 5 yesterday, the game being called in the eighth inning on account of darkness. The batteries were Martins and Dexter for New Orleans, and Kellogg and Markley for Panama. The local team made several errors, while the visitors had only one recorded against them.

### Harry Steinfeldt Is Outlaw Manager

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Feb. 18.—Harry Steinfeldt, former member of the Cincinnati, Chicago, and Boston National League clubs, has signed a contract to manage the Cincinnati team of the United States League. President Whitman and John J. Ryan, owner of the Cincinnati franchise in the new league, were in Cincinnati last night and secured Steinfeldt's signature to a contract. President Whitman announced that Louis Early, of Reading, Pa., had been appointed secretary to the president of the new league.

### Joe Wood Has Straight Contract This Season And Passes Up Bonus

Joe Wood, the crack twirler of the Boston Red Sox, has signed a straight contract this season. Last year he worked under one of those bonus agreements and didn't like it for a cent. "No more of those bonus papers for mine," he wrote Jimmy McAleer. "I want to know what I'm going to get and then go out and work my head off to boost it for the following season."

## GERMANY SCHAEFER CHALLENGES EITHER FLYNN OR JOHNSON

Would Meet Winner of Battle on Any Ball Field.

CHICAGO, Feb. 18.—Herman Schaefer, the former Detroit baseball player, now with Washington, and a close friend of Jim Flynn, was present when the forfeits were posted for the Johnson-Flynn fight. During a conversation between Flynn and Johnson, Herman butted in with:

"I challenge the winner, the fight to take place on some ball field during the season. If I can't whip either one of you, I have enough friends playing ball who will run either one of you bow-legged from New York to San Francisco."

Both fighters said Schaefer was too tough for them and they let him win the argument.

### Donlin Credits Wallace For Big League Berth

Mike Donlin and Bobby Wallace had a funning bee in Chicago the other night. "You showed me how to win a big league berth," said Donlin to Wallace, the Browns' manager.

"Quit your kidding," growled Wallace. "On the level, Bob, I mean every word of it," said Donlin. "Remember when I joined Patsy Tebeau's St. Louis team in 1899? Jesse (Cy) Burkett and I were as fresh as daisies, and made life miserable for me. He got my goat in a hurry. One day he lashed me for keeps. I determined to jump the club that night and return to California. After the game you called me aside and said:

"Don't let Burkett bluff you any longer; call him good the next time. If he cracks his whip, you may have to fight. Burkett will battle, but you look husky enough to take care of yourself."

"I'm not afraid of Burkett or any other guy who walks on two legs, but I don't want to be a quitter. I'll be as tough as a cat for you."

"And you came right back with something like this: 'Next time Burkett ricks on you, get him after the game. I'll see that you get an even break.'"

"What's the matter, kid? You ain't looking for trouble with me?" inquired Jesse.

"That's exactly what I'm after, you big, sou' wester," said I.

"Well, of all the sassy simps, I've ever met, you are the limit," said Burkett, without making a threatening move. "It's a good thing for you that I haven't got the temper I carried around two years ago. I'd knock you out of this chair."

"Cut that rough stuff," said Tebeau. "Jesse was only joking. Never shake hands with Burkett and forget all about this affair."

Jesse extended his hand and you (Wallace) gave me a bunch to shake, and we buried the hatchet. That little affair was the making of Mike Donlin."

## POST FORFEITS FOR BIG BOUTS BETWEEN FLYNN AND CHAMP

Battle Will Be Staged in Wendover, Nevada, in July.

CHICAGO, Feb. 18.—That "Fireman Jim" Flynn and Jack Johnson will battle for the heavyweight championship of the world seems assured today by the posting of the forfeits. It is intended to have the mill staged at Wendover, Nev., on the State line between Nevada and Utah, between July 17 and July 20, for the club and \$5,000 for his boxer. Johnson put up \$5,000 for himself. At Tanager acted as stakeholder.

Flynn will train at Elko, Nev., while the champion will get into condition at Lagoona, Utah, eighteen miles from Salt Lake.

During the negotiations, Flynn enjoyed himself by kidding Johnson and some of his marks seemed to irritate the champion. When Flynn called him "Bub," that famous "golden smile" vanished and for a moment a glitter shone from Johnson's eyes. However, no hostilities took place.

### Knockout Brown and Kelly Meet Wednesday

CHICAGO, Feb. 18.—Hugo Kelly, one of the classiest of middleweights, is coming back to the ring Wednesday night after a long rest to fight George "Knockout" Brown, who is about as tough as they build them nowadays at 155 pounds.

This pair of ambitious boxers, each with ideas about the middleweight championship running through his head, is to meet at Kenosha, Wis., in a ten-round no-decision battle, the outcome of which will have an important bearing on the wild scramble for the title Stanley Ketchel refused to part with until he was killed.

If Kelly wins he will go after Eddie McCoory, Billy Fox, and Frank Klaus. The same goes for Brown. For the middles who box this week in the Wisconsin town and the trio just framed lead in the running and it is a good bet that one of the five will be wearing the crown, his honors undisputed, before the end of the year.

### Moran Will Appear Before Gotham Throng

NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—Frank Moran, the Pittsburgh heavyweight, who is returning from England after winning seven battles in London and Paris, will be matched to appear before a New York throng, against either Carl Forster or Al Palmer, in an effort to find a suitable opponent for Jack Johnson. Kid McCoy was to have met Moran in Paris, but thought better of it after hearing that the Pittsburgh boy had knocked out Fred Storbeck, champion of South Africa.

### Cyclone Thompson Wins With Knockout Punch

SYDNEY, Australia, Feb. 18.—Jack Lester, the Australian boxer, lasted twenty rounds here before taking the title from "Cyclone" Johnny Thompson, the American middleweight. Lester was leading on points when he happened to stop a terrific uppercut. This unsettled him, and before he could recover Thompson's heavy right swing had put him away.

### Midshipmen Win From New York University

ANNAPOLIS, Feb. 18.—Scoring twelve points before New York University, the midshipmen here defeated a single tally, the Navy basketball team won its game by 25 to 19. Navy commenced the game with rapid tactics, practically taking the visitors off their feet. Captain Wenzell, of the Midshipmen's quint, probably played the fastest game of the evening, he having scored twenty-four of the total number of points made by Navy. In the first period alone, Wenzell scored nineteen points.

After the first ten minutes of play New York University played a close game, but Navy had made many baskets in that time and the advantage was never overcome.

## Clearance Sale

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## Motorcycles

A few 1911 Flying Merkel Motorcycles to be disposed of at the following sacrificed prices:

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